

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
February 16, 2016
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
Michael W. Lewis, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
John R. Simon, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Alan Hanson
Kelly McQueary

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the February 9, 2016 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

GRANT HEARING: Commissioner Puckett opened the Grant Hearing at 8:45 a.m. for the USDA Grant applied for by Hamilton County for the cost of a rescue truck bed and mechanical lift cots. Alan Hanson, EMS Director, discussed the benefits of the mechanical lift cots. Commissioner Puckett closed the Grant Hearing at 8:50 a.m.

EXTENSION OFFICE: Jenifer Sexson, Hamilton Co. Ag Agent, and Rebekah McKinley Hamilton Co. Vitality Agent, gave an update of the Extension and 4-H Programs and upcoming public meetings. Ms. Sexson and Ms. McKinley also discussed the Community Board Leadership Series being offered through K-State Research & Extension. Commissioner Simon moved for Hamilton County to pay the \$40.00 fee for the Board Leadership Series for any County Board Members to attend. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KEVIN WHITE: Mr. White with Foley Equipment provided a list of the County's graders that includes the purchase date, warranty package, and buy back information. Mr. White also discussed the two graders at the end of their lease and provided a finance proposal for a buyout with an extended warranty option. Commissioner Braddock moved to purchase from Caterpillar the two graders (units #401 & #410) that are up for lease. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Noxious Weed Director, presented the County's Noxious Weed Annual Report for approval. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Noxious Weed Annual Report as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LARRY SHARP: Mr. Sharp, a representative of KCAMP, the County's liability insurance carrier, spoke with the Commissioners regarding the County's current insurance coverage and the 2015 coverage enhancements.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Discussed sealing the Courthouse steps.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Commissioner Braddock informed that Rich Lynam, Road Foreman, will get the Commissioners a list of road project priorities for 2016.

SYAA BOARD APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Mindy Cruz to the Syracuse Youth Activities Association Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2019. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$28,883.61. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Discussed bids received for electrical work at the Fair Grounds. It was decided to have the Fair Board attend the March 15, 2016 meeting to discuss the bids further. Sarah Schwerdfeger, Community Development Director, informed the Commissioners of a community meeting regarding the financial situation and future of the Hospital that will be held Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 11:10 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Lewis moved for an additional 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 11:21 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 11:26 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner